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Dear Chairman Genachowski;

This is a public comment for
the Wright Petition (FCC Docket #96-128).

My name is Richard Wallace,
I am an inmate housed at Pocahontas
State Correctional Center, Virginia DOC.

Currently there is no oversight,
of any consequence, for the phones or
companies that hold the contracts to
supply phone services within Va. DOC.
The rates are exorbitantly high, with
some calls costing \$15.00 or more for
20 minutes! (OV (Code of Virginia) 53.1-1.1
requires DOC to provide debit, prepaid
and collect calling services and recommend
that these services be contracted at the
lowest available price. However, GTL (Global
Tel-Link) the company that holds the contract
with Va. DOC) recently stopped offering
collect calls as an option. This move
is in direct violation of Va. law and
the exorbitant prices violate the spirit
of the law! This forces pre-payment
that GTL can gain interest on while
this money should still belong to Free
American Citizens.

COV 53.1-110 requires the Director of the DOC to obtain and maintain all contracts relevant to the operation of the DOC. However, when I filed a grievance concerning this direct violation of law, the Ombudsman Service Unit refused to log in my grievance, stating "matters beyond the control of the DOC." As COV 53.1-11 and COV 53.1-110 clearly shows, this is not only under the control of the DOC but is solely the responsibility of the DOC.

This is a government enforced, coercive monopoly that is forced on not only inmates but the family and friends of those inmates! My family and friends are "free", tax paying Americans, as such deserve the full protection of the U.S. government and the Constitution!

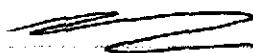
It has become clear that members of the DOC and the contracted companies are participating in illegal activities to extort money from the underprivileged! As long as there is

no oversight, this will continue!

I respectfully request that you use your position of honor and authority to improve this situation before it gets any more out of hand!

Thank you for your time and consideration, your actions will be very appreciated!

Sincerely;



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RE: Docket # 96-128
Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
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David Flood BM-7392
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Dear Mr. Genachowski :

I am writing to you about the extreme high cost of phone calls made by inmates to their families. The company providing the phone service to the D.O.C. in PA. is Global Tel - Link. They charge inmates almost ten dollars to call N.J. which is only one state away. To call Pittsburgh PA. it cost \$3.35 for a fifteen minute call and that is only sixty miles away. To call the west coast it cost nearly a dollar a minute. Inmates or their families can not afford the money being charged for phone calls from loved ones in prison. Other states have phone service that only charge \$1.89 for a call to anywhere in the U.S.. Global Tel - Link will not let calls go through unless the calls are Pre-Paid by the inmate or their families. This is causing inmates and their families to loose contact with each other. The D.O.C. claims that they do not want inmates to loose contact with their families but , they are causing this with the high cost of phone service to inmates. Inmates just being able to talk to their families and children keep family bonds. Something needs to be done to stop the excessive cost of the phone service in the PA. prison system. Thank you for your time and consideration in helping to lower the cost of the phone service to inmates in the PA. prison system.

Respectfully



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THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WEIGHT PETITION (CC DOCKET # 96-128)."

I'M WRITING THIS TO TELL YOU ABOUT 2 PERSONAL ISSUES THAT AFFECTED ME WITH THE USAGE OF THE PRISON PHONE. FIRST, I USED TO CALL MY SISTER COLLECT ABOUT 15 TO 20 TIMES A MONTH. MY SISTER HAS AT&T UNVERSE AND ALWAYS PAYS HER PHONE BILL ON TIME. THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN A NO PRISON CALLS BLOCK IS PUT ON MY SISTER'S PHONE. WHEN MY SISTER CALLS AT&T TO INQUIRE WHY SHE CANNOT ACCEPT COLLECT CALLS, AT&T TELLS HER THAT SHE CAN ACCEPT CALLS, IT WAS TO BE THE PRISON PHONE SERVICE PROVIDER WHO IS BLOCKING HER CALLS. WHEN MY SISTER CALLS SECURUS TO INQUIRE WHY THEY BLOCKED HER FROM RECEIVING COLLECT CALLS THEY TOLD HER IN ORDER TO GET CALLS SHE HAS TO SWITCH TO A REGULAR LANDLINE AND THAT SHE WOULD HAVE TO OPEN A PREPAID ACCOUNT TO ACCEPT CALLS.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW SECURUS CAN HAVE SO MUCH POWER TO BLOCK COLLECT CALLS WHEN OUR FAMILIES PAY TO HAVE COLLECT CALLS IN THEIR MONTHLY PHONE PACKAGES. THESE PRISON COMPANIES HAVE THE ABILITY TO BLOCK YOUR CALLS AND WHEN YOUR FAMILY CALLS TO INQUIRE, SECURUS SUGGEST THEY OPEN UP A PREPAID ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO ACCEPT CALLS.

THIS IS ALSO UNFAIR TO OTHER PHONE SERVICE PROVIDERS SUCH AS AT&T. THEY HAVE TO GIVE ~~NEW~~ CUSTOMERS A PHONE LINE AND GET PAID IN THE MONTHLY BILLING CYCLE, BUT PRISON PHONE PROVIDERS GET TO GET PAID FIRST AND →

THEN PROVIDE SERVICE FOR THE PHONE. THAT SHOULD BE THE RECIPIENT'S OPTION, THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ACCEPT COLLECT CALLS AND PAY IT TO THEIR PROVIDER, AND THESE PRISON COMPANIES SHOULD NOT HAVE THE POWER TO BLOCK YOUR PHONE BECAUSE YOU MAKE A LARGE AMOUNT OF CALLS.

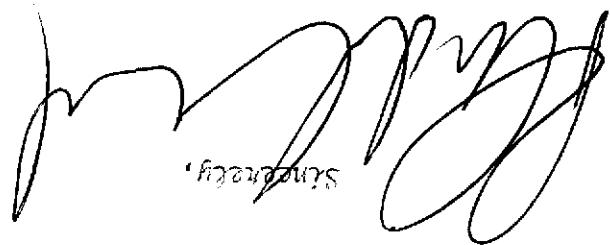
MY GRANDMOTHER HAS HAD THE SAME NUMBER FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND HAS NEVER BEEN LATE ON HER BILL, AND THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO HER PHONE. WITH MY SISTER SHE HAS A CELLPHONE AND CHOSE TO PREPAY AN ACCOUNT FOR HER CELLPHONE. BUT MY GRANDMOTHER ONLY HAS ONE LANDLINE AND NO DEBT OR CREDIT CARD TO PREPAY FOR A CAR. SO WITH SECURUS HAVING THE POWER TO BLOCK HER PHONE, I HAVE NO WAY TO SPEAK TO MY 89 YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER AND I HAVE 3 YEARS TO DO.

IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU (FCC) CAN STRIP THESE PRISON PHONE COMPANIES OF THEIR POWER TO BLOCK PEOPLE FROM ACCEPTING COLLECT CALLS BECAUSE THEY GET TOO MANY CALLS. THIS SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED IF SOMEONE SKIPS OUT ON A BILL.

THAT'S ALL, I HOPE YOU CAN EASE THE HEARTACHES AND PAINS THESE COMPANIES PUTS OUR FRIENDS THROUGH.

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SINCERELY,
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Michael J. McHughan

This is a public communication from the WRIGHT PETITION (CC Document #95-128). I am submitting this letter to ask that you act on this Wright petition to cap inmate telephones rates and stop the exploitation of prisoners and their families through utility bills and telecommunications costs. I am requesting that the FCC Mail Room receive and consider this McHughan Declaratory Order of Complaint. Since coming to prison, I have tried to remain in close contact with my family and friends, but with each passing year it becomes more difficult. For most families, including mine, making this trip to visit is a rare occurrence. When you consider the numbers of visitors being held by the Bureau of Prisons at any given time, it's not surprising to see the numbers of visitors an inmate is able to see, it's not surprising to see the numbers that has reduced the amount of days a prisoner can get visitors, and result in the same thing happening to the economy, and what most of these visitors share with inmates is sharing nothing more than utility bills, the cost of making this trip to visit is prohibitive. Add to this the fact that when mailing letters, and what most of these visitors share with inmates is sharing nothing more than utility bills, the cost of mailing a letter is 15 minutes each, \$2.50 goes directly into the pockets of the WDOC and inmate telephone providers.

This leaves this telephone as the main lifeline for a majority of prisoners. Rather than mailing letters or packages up to the inmates, they would be better off using the inmates' phones to make arrangements to visit them. This would be easier and less expensive for the inmates, and it would help the inmates to keep in touch with their families. The two most important and critical ways for a prisoner to keep in contact with his family comes through utilities and telecommunications costs. For most families, including mine, making this trip to visit is a rare occurrence. When you consider the numbers of visitors being held by the Bureau of Prisons at any given time, it's not surprising to see the numbers that has reduced the amount of days a prisoner can get visitors, and result in the same thing happening to the economy, and what most of these visitors share with inmates is sharing nothing more than utility bills, the cost of mailing a letter is 15 minutes each, \$2.50 goes directly into the pockets of the WDOC and inmate telephone providers.

I am submitting this letter to the McHughan Declaratory Order of Complaint. Since coming to prison, I have tried to remain in close contact with my family and friends, but with each passing year it becomes more difficult. For most families, including mine, making this trip to visit is a rare occurrence. When you consider the numbers of visitors being held by the Bureau of Prisons at any given time, it's not surprising to see the numbers that has reduced the amount of days a prisoner can get visitors, and result in the same thing happening to the economy, and what most of these visitors share with inmates is sharing nothing more than utility bills, the cost of mailing a letter is 15 minutes each, \$2.50 goes directly into the pockets of the WDOC and inmate telephone providers.

Dear Chairman Ginnachowski:

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Federal Communications Commission

Chairman Julian DeNatale

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the Wright Petition
CC Docket #96-128

Dear Chairman Genachowski

This letter is in regards to the impact of the high costs of prison phone calls. The cost is outrageous and puts a financial strain on my family every month. Not only is my husband in prison, but my brother is there as well. Their only outlet to the free world is to call and talk with their families. With the cost of a phone call being \$10~~as~~ the amount of money I have to put on the phone is ridiculous. I love my husband + brother and struggle every month to make sure there is money on the phone for them to call. Some months I will have to skip paying

a bill to make sure there
is money on the phone so
my husband + brother
can contact me.
Please do something about
these high costs of
prison phone calls.

Thank You;

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To whom it may concern

This is a public comment for the
wright petition (cc docket #94128)

I am writing from Danbury, CT
federal institution to inform you
that I am unable to call home
to speak to my family due
to the cost to call California
and Oregon. I am requesting
phone justice. This time away
is hard enough but to have to
do it without the love and support
of family makes it heart breaking
and hard.

Thank you for your time

Suzanne Garrido

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"This is a public comment for the Wright Petition Mail (Robert #96-128)."

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing in support of the campaign to lower the cost to make a phone call in the prison system. I have been incarcerated in NYS penal system for the past 25 years. So, I know what the phone rates was once like before this monopoly of the prison phone system started and when the rates were affordable.

The phone companies that make these bids for a contract to control all prison phone calls and the State has saw away to take advantage of a situation where the customers either has to pay the cost or lose communication with their ~~the~~ loved ones.

This current system has put a very big strain financially on my family and in a few case I no longer have contact with some family members because they just could not afford the cost of paying for my calls. I have also lost contact with people because of what they have to go through just to set up a phone account. The current system charges \$7.95 to activate an account unless you mail the money to them, but who has time now-a-days to go get a money order to mail it to the company?

My family can't afford to pay these rates, and still have money to come visit me, and take care of the needs they have.

2/28/13

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